

countries that have privatized their ATC systems—Great Britain and Canada have had numerous problems. Both countries' systems are financially distressed and suffering from performance setbacks. The perceived gains by privatizing the ATC systems in these countries—lower fees and increased efficiency—have actually translated into higher fees, numerous flight cancellations, delays, and very recently, a \$250 million bailout of no privatized company by the British government. This is not a model that the U.S. wants to emulate.

In the existing ATC system, the FAA and the Congress make decisions on safety issues in the overall best public interest, with input from system users. If there is any move towards privatization or some form of government corporation, how will the public be assured that ATC operations will be managed with a primary goal of protecting the interest of airline passengers and ensuring safety and security?

The basic question that needs to be asked is whether we should risk the uncertainties of creating a new system to promote ATC safety and security when we already have in place a system with an outstanding safety record. The answer is simple: No.

That is why we must act now to halt any efforts to privatize or corporatize our nation's air traffic system functions. This bill prohibits the Department of Transportation from authorizing the conversion of any FAA facilities, or the outsourcing of any work currently performed by FAA employees (including air traffic controllers, systems specialists, and flight service station employees), in the ATC system to private or public entities other than the U.S. government. Importantly, however, this bill would not impact the contract tower program, the safety benefits of which have been well documented.

This bill would guarantee the continued integrity of our nation's air traffic control system. I urge my colleagues to support this critical piece of legislation.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CRAIG SWALLOW

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Craig Swallow, of the Green Valley High School. Mr. Swallow has been selected as a Semifinalist of the National Council of Economic Education (NCEE)/Nasdaq National Teaching Awards. This achievement recognizes high school teachers for their originality, creativity, and effectiveness in furthering students' awareness of financial markets, the process of capital formation, principles of investment, personal finance, entrepreneurship, and the operation of market economies.

This recognition, and Mr. Swallow's place among the twenty finest high school educators in this field, gives credit not only to this fine teacher's outstanding capabilities, but also his dedication, in equipping his students for success in a highly-competitive, economically-complex professional environment. This achievement demonstrates Green Valley High School's commitment to provide our students with the comprehensive and rigorous curricula

that will ensure the achievement of their future goals.

Mr. Swallow's teaching abilities are an example to all parents, teachers, and students. By gaining this prestigious professional accolade, Mr. Swallow becomes an example of the potential towards which all teachers can strive as they impart the most beneficial forms of knowledge to our children. I am proud to represent teachers like Mr. Swallow, whose dedication and knowledge, guarantee the future success of Green Valley High School, Henderson, Clark County, and all of Nevada.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA—A 21ST CENTURY ANTHEM

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention a truly stirring song, "A Tribute to America—A 21st Century Anthem." Written by Ann Miller and performed by her son, Ted Malialis—both from South Florida—this song serves as an inspiration for all Americans during the war on terrorism.

"A Tribute to America" was written with the hopes of uniting the country after the attacks on September 11, 2001. The purpose of the song was to heal the emotional wounds received that September day. The song continues to accomplish just that.

From Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" during the War of 1812 to Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" during World War I, history provides examples of how music contributes to the steadfastness of America in the face of adversity. Even as we sang "God Bless America" on the Capitol steps just one day after the terrorist attacks, the United States regained its resolve to defeat terrorism wherever it rears its ugly head.

Please join me in recognizing the help that "A Tribute to America" has given in the healing process, and in thanking Ann Miller and Ted Malialis for providing "A Tribute to America."

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HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, just as railroads brought prosperity to small towns in rural America during the Industrial Revolution, glass fibers and silicon wafers are driving today's Information Age. Data is the commodity in this new economic revolution, and it can travel at the speed of light.

Through E-commerce, rural America can again be revitalized. But this train is bypassing some parts of the country, especially rural areas—some of which I represent. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must favor policies that foster real competition and promote consumer choice, not bureaucracy and regulation. FCC policies should not create disincentives for companies to deploy new fiber solely because they may have more resources and greater expertise than some of

their competitors. Such policies breach the basic principles of the free market: that true competition naturally encourages development of cheaper services and better technologies. True competition can never exist if regulators insist on creating competitive parity in the industry at the expense of advancing technology.

Mr. Speaker, as we examine the development and deployment of high-speed communications technologies, we must ensure the existence of true competition, we must restore consumer driven integrity to the market, and we must not stifle progress.

IN RECOGNITION OF KYRIAKI S. CHRISTODOULOU AND THE WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK OF THE PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Women's Issues Network (WIN) of the Pancyprrian Association of America on the occasion of their annual dinner dance. An outstanding community service organization in my district, WIN is dedicated to the education, health, and a better quality of life for the Astoria community. This year they will be honoring Kyriaki S. Christodoulou, for her invaluable service and commitment to the community.

Kyriaki S. Christodoulou was born in Klirou and raised in the suburb of Agios Dometios, Nicosia, the second of four children of the Christodoulou family. Ms. Christodoulou's, parents instilled in her and her siblings the value of education and hard work. Ms. Christodoulou and her siblings attended the Grammar School (Gregoriou) in Nicosia, now under occupation. During her high school years, she was very active in the Debating and Literary Societies and was twice awarded for here creative writing by the Pancyprrian Youth Artistic Group (KLON). Following the invasion in 1974, she came to the United States to further her education.

Ms. Christodoulou attended Hunter College and earned a Bachelors degree in Sociology and a Master of Science in Social Research. During her studies, Ms. Christodoulou worked with a variety of international organizations including the Consulate General of Cyprus in New York, the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations, the International Labor Organization Liaison Office in New York, the United Nations Division of Palestinian Rights, the Greek Tourism Organization and the National League for Nursing.

Since 1993, she has directed the Cyprus Children's Fund, a not-for-profit organization established in 1974 following the Turkish invasion of Cyprus to aid enclaved and needy Cypriot children. The Cyprus Children's Fund also administers annual scholarship awards.

Ms. Christodoulou's spirit of volunteerism has led her to active participation in several community organizations. She has held the positions of General Secretary for the Pancyprrian Association Dancing Division, the Pancyprrian Association Women's Issues Network (WIN), and the Panpaphian Association